

helps to plant the seeds from which many projects grow, both from within and from outside the organization.

The Central Jersey Club was one of the first organizations to give an AIDS/HIV workshop in the Central New Jersey area, and they also care for AIDS babies at St. Clare's Home in Neptune, NJ. The Club also provides career awareness programs, offers scholarships to needy students, works with the homeless by tutoring the clients and teaching them to knit, and donates clothing and Easter egg hunts for children. Some clubs donated food baskets to the needy during Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, and they celebrated Women's History Month by sponsoring essay contests at various schools. The North Jersey Unit promoted and implemented at the local level the Leontyne Price Vocal Arts Competition for talented African American opera singers. The winner will be competing at the semi-finals at the upcoming conference. The Union County Club plays an important part in their community with their scholarship program.

The Northeast Division was organized in 1959, being one of seven districts in the organization. The Northeast is the largest in the organization, consisting of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Northern New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont and the Commonwealth of Bermuda.

As a non-profit organization, the organization's national program thrust is Health, Education, Employment and Economic Development (HEED). Other projects that clubs participate in are Breast Cancer Awareness Programs, Adopt-A-School, Welfare to Work, and Black Entrepreneurship programs, among others.

The Northeast District's involvement in National projects includes sponsorship of water wells in Cameroon, and the opening of a health care facility in the Village of Atrapa in Ghana. Mary Singletary, past national president and a member of the North Jersey Unit, was very instrumental in these projects. In addition, the District continues to be involved with UNICEF and the United Nations as a non-governmental organization.

I want to salute the great work of Yvonne Harris Jones, the Governor of the Northeast District of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., and all of those whose efforts contribute to making this organization such a force for positive change in our community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ED CRAPO

HON. KAREN L. THURMAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable man from my district, Mr. Ed Crapo, Property Appraiser of Alachua County. Mr. Crapo has recently been elected to the position of President of the International Association of Assessing Officers.

The IAAO is an educational and research association of individuals in the assessment community and other professionals with an interest in property taxation. Membership is open to anyone, and includes individuals working in government, private industry, academia and members of the general public.

Through the position of president, Mr. Crapo will help the IAAO to promote innovation and excellence in property appraisal and property tax policy and administration through professional development, education, research and technical assistance.

In 1992, Mr. Crapo was first appointed as a State Representative for the IAAO. Through this position, he was able to make the IAAO's professional standards more widely known throughout the state of Florida. Since then, he has served the IAAO through eight other appointed and elected positions.

As chair of the Research and Technology Committee, he guided the development of professional standards and has helped other appraisers with technical assistance. While serving as chair of the Professional Development Committee, he oversaw an education program which trains more than 6000 assessment employees each year. Through his current position as president-elect, as well as being a former vice-president and board member, Mr. Crapo has been able to change the organization as necessary to meet the ever-changing needs of the assessment community.

By being a member of this organization, Mr. Crapo, is able to learn valuable information from other appraisers around the world. Because of this outstanding resource, he is able to bring his knowledge back to Alachua County to better serve the local residents.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to Mr. Ed Crapo for his service to Alachua County and for his election to the office of President of the International Association of Assessing Officers.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF GARY YATES

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the life of San Mateo City Councilman Gary Yates, one of the city's most talented and effective public servants, who passed away suddenly last weekend at the age of only 54 years.

During his quarter-century as a San Mateo City resident, Gary served his community in many capacities, from mayor to president of the local homeowners association. Gary was, however, far more than just an officeholder; he was a dedicated advocate for the needs and interests of all the citizens of the City of San Mateo. He championed initiatives to improve paramedic response times; worked to make city government more efficient by expanding the use of performance bonuses; fought to maintain the beauty of the City of San Mateo by authoring a successful ballot measure to limit the height and density of buildings; and spent countless hours solving public problems both large and small. Mr. Speaker, Gary Yates deserves credit for helping to make the City of San Mateo one of the most pleasant cities places in America to live.

Gary Yates was a dear friend, and it was an honor and a pleasure for me to work with him on a number of issues of importance to the people of the City of San Mateo over the past two decades. His daughter, Dana, served ably as an intern in my office. I would like to offer

my heartfelt condolences to Gary's wife, Linda, and his entire family. Mr. Speaker, yesterday morning the San Mateo County Times eloquently recounted the outstanding legacy that Gary Yates has left to his community, his friends, and his family. I ask that this editorial be placed in the RECORD.

YATES WILL BE MISSED

San Mateo County Times, May 24, 2000

With the untimely death of City Councilman Gary Yates on Sunday, San Mateo has lost a politician, a civic-minded citizen, a friend. Yates was a man who, in the words of City Manager Arne Croce, "lived and breathed this community."

Yates, 54, served on the council since 1993. But his community involvement stretched back 25 years before that when the San Francisco-born man chose San Mateo as his home town.

Yates became involved with local issues as a member of the Fiesta Gardens Homes Association, and was later president of the umbrella organization, San Mateo United Homeowners Association.

He served as mayor in 1996 and would have held the office again next year.

Yates was remembered by his colleagues on the council as a mediator who could disagree without rancor and always had the community's best interests in mind.

He respected the council's decisions, even when votes didn't go his way.

He was also a strong advocate for public safety, pushing for Advanced Life Support paramedic services countywide and convincing city residents to pass a bond measure funding seismic retrofits at the police and fire stations.

Today, when lots of cities can't even get enough candidates together to hold a contested council election, and many residents are too busy with work and family to get involved in local issues, someone with Yates' dedication to civic life is rare indeed.

Gary Yates will be missed most by his wife, Linda, and his children, Jeff, Dana and Alicia. But the loss echoes throughout San Mateo, which has one less leader and advocate.

AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT (NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS TREATMENT) TO PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, although I am for free and fair trade, as well as engagement with China, now is not the time for Permanent NTR.

Like many of my colleagues, I look at all trade agreements on an individual basis and weigh their positives and negatives accordingly.

For example, I support United States participation in the World Trade Organization and I supported annual NTR because I believe it is important to engage China. However, I opposed the Africa/CBI trade deal because it was bad for American workers and did not contain enough protections from potential trade related job losses to mitigate the impact it would have on American employees and my constituents in New York.